

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 21, 2005, claims 10 and 12 are amended. Claims 10-17 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

The indication that claim 17 is allowable is acknowledged and appreciated.

OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT FILED JULY 12, 2004

The amendment filed July 12, 2004 is objected under 35 U.S.C. §132 as containing new matter, and in particular, “collected for rearrangement to degenerate identical values” applied at page 18, line 27 of the original specification. By this response, the paragraphs amended at page 18, line 27 and page 19, line 3 are again amended to make the paragraphs read as they did when originally filed. Consequently, withdrawal of the objection to the Amendment filed July 12, 2004 is respectfully solicited.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner maintains that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. The Examiner refers to the language “identical values of the values are degenerated”.

By this response, claim 10 is amended to recite, *inter alia*:

first evaluation item listing means for listing by totalizing ~~collecting~~ values of first specific items constituted by numeral values of a plurality of first records on the basic data sheet or values of first specific items and arranging the values and first simple codes corresponding to the values in a predetermined arrangement order in such a state that [identical] overlapping values of the values are removed ~~degenerated~~;

second evaluation item listing means for listing by totalizing ~~collecting~~ values of second specific items of the plurality of first records on the basic data sheet and arranging the values and second simple codes corresponding to the values in a predetermined arrangement order in such a state that ~~identical~~ overlapping values of the values are removed ~~degenerated~~

The language now recited in amended independent claim 10 is supported by the originally filed application. Consequently, withdrawal of the rejection of amended independent claim 10, as well as of claims 11-16 depending from amended independent claim 10, is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, overcomes the rejection of record and is in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment and favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

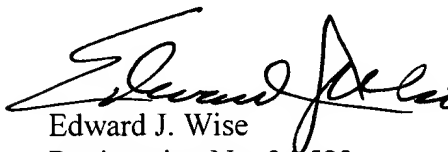
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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